



USSN: 10/084,826

S14-US2

PATENT

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on April 9, 2003.

By: Diane Kizer
Diane Kizer

#7/a
Zeta
6/11/03

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the re-examination of:

) Examiner: Unassigned

WOLFFE et al.

) Art Unit: 1645

Serial No.: 10/084,826

)

Filed: October 24, 2001

)

Title: **TARGETED MODIFICATION OF
CHROMATIN STRUCTURE**

) PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Docket No.: S14-US2

)

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RECEIVED
APR 18 2003
TECH CENTER 1600/2800

Sir:

This paper is prior to receipt of a substantive Office Action and, accordingly, no fee is believed to be due. Entry of the following amendments prior to examination is respectfully requested.

AMENDMENTS

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 8, 9, and 37-39, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 1, 34, 40, 44, 65, 67, 72 and 73 as follows:

C1
1. (Amended) A method for modifying a region of interest in cellular chromatin, the method comprising the step of contacting the cellular chromatin with the fusion molecule according to claim 40, thereby modifying the region of interest.

Q2
34. (Amended) The fusion molecule of claim 40, wherein said molecule is a fusion polypeptide.